

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 755

By Wirgau

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bethel Cantrell Williams on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Cantrell Williams will celebrate her 100th birthday this year, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on February 3, 1918, in Benton County, Ms. Williams is a longtime resident of Henry County, where she is a well-respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Bethel Williams worked in banking and for State Farm Insurance alongside her husband, Charlie C. Williams; they both retired in 1977; and

WHEREAS, ever active in community organizations, Ms. Williams is a member of the Martha Chapter of the Eastern Star #155, which she served as treasurer for seventy-five years; she has been active in Quota International of Paris for many years, having held numerous offices within the organization, attended state and international conventions, and been named the 1970-1971 Quotarian of the year; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Williams enjoyed the love and companionship of her beloved husband, Charlie, until his passing; she is the proud mother of Jane Davis and the doting grandmother of Cindy Witham and Kim Elston; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Ms. Williams has been an active member of the First Baptist Church in Paris for seventy-five years, having joined in 1943; and

WHEREAS, as Bethel Williams approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her

health permits; she is a blessing to all who know her—a delightful companion and a true inspiration; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bethel Cantrell Williams on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.